



NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION • DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Refresher Education

EMT REFRESHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. The EMT refresher educational program must be conducted by an approved Basic or Advanced Educational Institution as defined in the rules of the NC Medical Care Commission.
2. The lead instructor for the EMT refresher educational program must be a NC credentialed Level I EMS Instructor at the EMT level or higher as defined in the rules of the NC Medical Care Commission.
3. The curriculum for the EMT educational program shall be the 1996 Release of the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) EMT-Basic Refresher Course: National Standard Curriculum and the 2002 Supplemental Airway Modules for 1994 EMT-Basic: National Standard Curriculum.
4. The evaluation check sheets for verification of student independent-skill mastery shall meet the minimum criteria of those developed and maintained by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians specific to the independent skills learned during each specific educational module.
5. The educational institution must maintain all student records that document:
 - a. Compliance with the student prerequisite of a high school diploma, general education development (GED) diploma, or reading comprehension on the tenth-grade level.
 - b. Any learning disabilities that may qualify the student for special consideration by the Office of EMS in the written credentialing examination.
 - c. Student attendance in the classroom, and any clinical and field internship components required of the educational program.
 - d. Successful completion of all components of the program, including written examination scores, independent-skills evaluation check sheets and scope-of-practice evaluation check sheets.

EMT REFRESHER STUDENT PREREQUISITES

1. Possession of a high school or GED diploma; or successful completion of an exam assessing basic reading comprehension skills at a minimum at the tenth-grade level.

EMT REFRESHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM STRUCTURE

MODULE / SECTION	TITLE	RECOMMENDED HOURS
MODULE 1: PREPARATORY		4
MODULE 2: AIRWAY (to include CPR skills)		6
MODULE 3: PATIENT ASSESSMENT		10
MODULE 4: MEDICAL/BEHAVIORAL		10
MODULE 5: TRAUMA		8
MODULE 6: OBSTETRICS, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN		8
MISCELLANEOUS		14
	Final Written Testing	
	Scope of Practice Evaluation	

The EMT Refresher outline contains a recommended minimum of 60 didactic hours, which includes time for classroom, lab, written and practical skills examinations and reviews, student remediation, and scope of practice evaluation.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMPONENT

The scope of practice performance evaluation is scenario-based and must be consistent with the requirements detailed in the OEMS *Technical Scope of Practice Performance Evaluations* document.

CLINICAL / FIELD INTERNSHIP COMPONENT

There are no clinical / field internship requirements for this program.

EMT REFRESHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUMMARY

The following represents a summary of the required components and recommended minimum time requirements for the EMT Refresher program:

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| 1. | Didactic, skills practice/evaluation, written exams, scope of practice | <u>60</u> hours |
| | Total Recommended EMT Refresher Program Length | 60 hours |

REGISTRATION OF AN EMT REFRESHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

To register an EMT Refresher program with the OEMS, the approved educational institution must submit a completed *Course Information Form* (DFS 1106) to the appropriate OEMS regional office.

The signature of the Educational Program Director certifies that the course meets all requirements set forth in the OEMS *Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Refresher Curriculum* guidelines. **A course outline including course dates, instructional objectives and hours of instruction is not required for course approval; however, a copy of the course outline must be kept on file locally for compliance monitoring by the OEMS.**

The completed course information form must be received in the OEMS regional office at least 20 calendar days prior to the first class of the program. A notice of the approved course number will be mailed to the approved educational institution by the OEMS after receipt of the completed course information form.

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ORDERING INFORMATION

Forms and documents referenced in this curriculum guideline are available through links at the OEMS web site:

www.ncems.org